

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of Thursday, March 19, 2020

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Commissioner Nowak and Commissioner Huebner. Chairperson Valcq participated via telephone.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, March 5, 2020. Commissioner Huebner abstained.

5350-ER-111 - Application of the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

6680-AU-120 - Application for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Agreement between Wisconsin Power and Light Company and Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc.

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

570-WI-100 - Investigation into the Village of Blanchardville, Lafayette and Iowa Counties, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for the Construction of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System and Non-Routine Meter Replacement Program

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

6790-CW-102 - Application of the Village of Woodville, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a Replacement Well No. 3, in the Village of Woodville, St. Croix County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

5-FE-104 - Quadrennial Planning Process IV

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

5-BS-240 - Joint Application of American Transmission Company LLC and the Village of Waunakee as an Electric Utility, to Purchase/Sell Certain Transmission Facilities located in the Village of Waunakee, Dane County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

1125-RW-171 - Tolls to be Charged for Chippewa and Flambeau Improvement Company for the Six Month Period Ending December 31, 2019

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

2210-CW-109 - Application of the Village of Germantown, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a Booster Station and Elevated Storage Tank, in the Village of Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

9300-WF-105 - Petition of No Green County Wind for the Appeal Under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 128.51 of the Green County Land Use and Zoning Office's Decision to Approve the Application of EDF Renewables for a Wind Energy System in the Town of Jefferson, Green County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

550-ER-107 - Application of the City of Black River Falls, Jackson County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

6260-ER-106 - Application of the Village of Waunakee, Dane County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

5-UF-2020 - Administration of the Universal Service Fund

Appointment of Universal Service Fund Council Members

The Commission appointed Nicole Mauritz of TDS Telecom and Michelle Reinen of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to the Universal Service Fund Council (USFC).

The Commission directed Commission staff to draft an order establishing the new USFC member roster to include the new appointments, and to draft and send a letters to the appointees.

4280-SB-146 - Application of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company for Authority to Issue and Have Outstanding During 2020 Short-term Indebtedness Not to Exceed \$6.5 Million

The Commission approved the application of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company for a Certificate of Authority to issue and have outstanding during 2020 short-term indebtedness not to exceed 6.5 million.

The Commission delegated to the Administrator of the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis authority to issue, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 201.03, future authorizations for the issuance of short-term or line-of-credit debt securities by investor-owned utilities on the condition that the proposed terms and parameters of the borrowing program are materially unchanged relative to prior years and continue to be consistent with market conditions.

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

5-BF-2020 - FY 2020 Broadband Expansion Grants

Fiscal Year 2020 Broadband Expansion Grants

The Commission reviewed the applications for broadband expansion grants and determined the applications to which funds should be awarded for Fiscal Year 2020.

The Commission approved the request of US Internet to supplement the record in this docket with the Meeting Minutes of the January 23, 2020, meeting of the Winnebago County Industrial Development Board.

The Commission found that the following contested grant applications did not meet the eligibility requirements of the program and did not accept the filing of those applications:

(# 9) Bayfield Wireless Bayfield County fixed wireless project.

- (# 112) Siren Telephone Company Sand Lake project.
- (# 118) Starwire Technologies Grantsburg to Rock Creek fiber route.

The Commission selected the following grant recipients at the funding levels noted:

24-7 Telcom, Inc. County Road J & Solar Farm project	\$273,300
24-7 Telcom, Inc. Town of Sherman fiber project a/k/a Pheasant Crossing fiber project	\$680,000
24-7 Telcom, Inc. Town of Wheaton project	\$79,500
Air Fiber, Inc. Douglas County fixed wireless project	\$140,000
Amery Telcom, Inc. Town of Cylon project	\$82,250
Amery Telcom, Inc. Town of Lincoln project	\$81,000
Amherst Telephone Company Towns of Buena Vista & Dayton project	\$478,985
Hager Telecom d/b/a BEVCOMM Town of Diamond Bluff, Phase III project	\$444,211
Bloomer Telephone Company Town of Colfax project	\$608,538
Bruce Telephone Company Chippewa Avenue project	\$36,307

Bug Tussel Wireless Kewaunee County fixed wireless project	\$960,000
Bug Tussel Wireless Menominee County fixed wireless project	\$756,000
Hilbert Communications, LLC Green County fiber route	\$1,000,371
Hilbert Communications, LLC Iowa County fiber route	\$732,310
CenturyTel of Wisconsin, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink Boma Coulee project	\$35,676
CenturyTel of Northern Wisconsin, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink Town of Boulder Junction fiber project	\$1,624,094
CenturyTel of Midwest Wisconsin, LLC-Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink Tomah Veterans Hospital project	\$11,010
Charter Communications Town of Anson project	\$49,000
Charter Communications Town of Belgium project	\$8,658
Charter Communications Village of Fairwater project (Charter #18)	\$76,744
Charter Communications Town of Jackson project	\$54,716
Charter Communications Towns of Lincoln and Washington project	\$133,645

Charter Communications Village of Marquette	\$341,461
Charter Communications Village of Randolph project	\$104,034
Charter Communications Town of Sturgeon Bay project	\$188,044
Charter Communications Town of Woodruff project	\$16,500
Chibardun Telephone Cooperative Highway T project	\$71,163
Chibardun Telephone Cooperative Tuscobia project	\$123,423
Clear Lake Telephone Company Village of Clear Lake	\$350,000
Door County Broadband, LLC Town of Nasewaupsee fixed wireless project	\$65,282
e-vergent.com, LLC Village of Yorkville fiber project	\$248,458
Edge Broadband Lake Lorraine area fiber project	\$283,467
Forest County Forest County fiber and fixed wireless project	\$939,200
City of Janesville City of Janesville Phase I fiber project	\$114,230

Lakeland Communications Town of Eureka Phase III	\$153,100
Lakeland Communications Town of Eureka Phase IV	\$187,825
Lakeland Communications Town of St Croix Falls (Deer Lake) project	\$41,850
LaValle Telephone Cooperative Rockbridge Phase II	\$399,000
LaValle Telephone Cooperative Highway 58 fiber project	\$290,000
Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Town of Marcellon project	\$193,689
Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Town of Newport fiber project	\$172,801
Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Newton fiber project	\$116,808
Mediacom LLC Crawford County cable project	\$256,685
Nelson Communications Cooperative dba Ntec Gehrke Road fiber project	\$12,500
Northern Telephone & Data Corp. EAA Grounds project	\$199,782
Chequamegon Communications Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Norvado Highway 13 project	\$392,000

Norvado, Inc. Town of Cloverland project	\$443,000
Brown County C-LEC, LLC d/b/a Nsight Telservices Village of Egg Harbor Wi-Fi project	\$48,960
Brown County C-LEC, LLC d/b/a Nsight Telservices Lincoln & Langlade Counties fixed wireless project	\$358,205
Ntera, LLC Towns of Arthur and Estella fiber project	\$397,641
Ntera, LLC Cranberry Lake fiber project	\$63,117
Ntera, LLC Village of Sheldon fiber project	\$238,660
Oconto County Economic Development Corporation Bertram Communications Phase II fixed wireless project	\$182,058
Village of Orfordville Orfordville fiber project	\$303,224
Price County Telephone Company Prentice telephone exchange fiber project	\$950,000
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Red Cliff fiber route	\$107,698
Reedsburg Utility Commission Town of Excelsior fiber project	\$173,000
Reedsburg Utility Commission River Valley Phase II	\$542,500

Reedsburg Utility Commission Reedsburg Road fiber project	\$182,500
Richland-Grant Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Hwy 80 fiber project	\$405,000
SCLCOEDC Sawyer County fiber route	\$41,400
Siren Telephone Company Hayden Road fiber project	\$152,447
Starwire Technologies Clam Falls Phase II - South	\$300,566
Midway Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a TDS Telecom Stetsonville telephone exchange fiber project	\$265,460
Mosinee Telephone Company Mosinee telephone exchange project	\$1,058,610
Tech Com, Inc. d/b/a Genuine Telecom Richland County fiber project	\$228,000
Union Telephone Company Towns of Hancock & Colburn fiber project	\$598,805
US Internet <i>Light the Lake</i> fiber project	\$2,250,000
Vernon Communications Cooperative Village of De Soto fiber project	\$129,525
Vernon Communucations Cooperative Rural Vernon County Broadband Phase 4	\$472,600

Wittenberg Telephone Company, Inc. Bowler, Stockbridge-Munsee fiber project - Phase 1	\$457,508
Wittenberg Telephone Company Marathon City fiber and fixed wireless project	\$36,902
Total	23,995,003

The Commission directed the Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

5-AE-215 - Application of American Transmission Company LLC and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Arrangement - Multi Party Facilities Construction Agreement

The Commission modified and approved the Draft Final Decision and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

5-FE-101 - Quadrennial Planning Process III

Focus on Energy Rural Behavioral Pilot Design

The Commission approved the Focus on Energy Rural Behavioral Pilot Design.

The Commission directed the Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs to draft an order in accordance with its discussion.

4220-AF-104 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, for Escrow Accounting Treatment for Personal Credit or Debit Card Convenience Fees Expense

The Commission approved the request for deferral of personal card convenience fees and:

1. required NSPW to separately track the actual fees by residential and non-residential customers and provide such information with its next rate case filing; and
2. required NSPW to reference its personal card fee policies and vendor-imposed transaction limits in its service rules.

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

1-IC-522 - Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by Clean Wisconsin, Inc. to Participate in Docket 9698-CE-100

Clean Wisconsin, Inc.'s Request for Supplemental Intervenor Compensation

This matter was laid over to provide Clean Wisconsin with an opportunity clarify its supplemental application to specifically identify and itemize which costs from the invoices submitted were attributable to the following: (1) the change in hearing location to Superior, Wisconsin; (2) the unanticipated depositions; (3) the unexpected and unforeseeable motion practice; and (4) post-hearing submittal of pump test data.

2010-LS-100 - Application of the City of Fond du Lac, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Implement a Financial Assistance Program for Customer-Side Lead Service Line Replacement, in the City of Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved, with conditions, the City of Fond du Lac, as a water public utility (FWU), for authority to implement a financial assistance program for customer-side lead service line replacement, and made the following preliminary determinations.

1. The Commission found it reasonable to grant FWU a deferral for program costs with the recovery of such costs to be determined in a conventional rate case.
2. FWU shall revise the municipality's ordinance and provide the Commission with a copy of the revised ordinance by May 1, 2020 that complies with Wis. Stat. § 196.372(2)(a) by modifying the program to require all customers with service lines containing lead to replace them, require that the proposed financial assistance comes from the utility rather than the municipality, and eliminate the \$500 loan threshold.
3. The actions described in FWU's application, as conditioned and modified by the Commission's approval, are not unjust, unreasonable, or unfairly discriminatory. Wis. Stat. § 196.372(3)(e)1.
4. Grants provided as financial assistance under FWU's program will not exceed 50 percent of the cost to replace the customer-side water service line. Wis. Stat. § 196.372(3)(e)2.a.
5. Loans provided under FWU's program will not be forgiven by the water public utility or the municipality. Wis. Stat. § 196.372(3)(e)2.b.
6. FWU may not levy the amount of the loan as a special assessment or special charge.

7. As conditioned and modified by the Commission's approval, the financial assistance FWU intends to provide will be the same for each owner in a class of customers. Wis. Stat. § 196.372(3)(e)3.
8. FWU shall not commence its program until it secures from the City of Fond du Lac a modified ordinance that allows the utility to provide financial assistance, provides that all financial assistance will come from the utility rather than the City of Fond du Lac, requires all customers with service lines containing lead to replace them, eliminates the \$500 loan threshold, and makes the program legally compliant for approval under Wis. Stat. § 196.372(3). FWU shall file additional application materials as determined by Commission staff to document the changes.
9. FWU shall record its program expenses and revenues in subaccounts created in the following manner:
 - a. Grant Program: Account 664 subaccount
 - b. Loan program: Account 124 subaccount
 - c. Administrative Costs: Account 664 subaccount.
10. FWU shall submit an application for a conventional water rate case no later than two years from the effective date of the Final Decision.
11. FWU shall file with the Commission, as part of its annual report to the Commission, a report of the number of service lines replaced, as well as program expenses and revenues in a manner that is consistent with the prescribed subaccounts described in the Final Decision.
12. FWU shall receive approval from the Commission prior to making any significant changes to its financial assistance program.
13. FWU shall work with Commission staff to develop tariff provisions for the financial assistance program.

The Commission directed the Division of Water Utility Regulation and Analysis to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

5810-LS-100 - Application of the City of Sun Prairie, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Implement a Financial Assistance Program for Customer-Side Lead Service Line Replacement, in the City of Sun Prairie, Dane County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved, with conditions, the application of the City of Sun Prairie, as a water public utility (SPU) for authority to implement a financial assistance program for customer-side lead service line replacement and made the following preliminary determinations:

1. The actions described in SPU's application are not unjust, unreasonable, or unfairly discriminatory. Wis. Stat. § 196.372(3)(e)1.
2. Grants provided as financial assistance under SPU's program will not exceed 50 percent of the cost to replace the customer-side water service line. Wis. Stat. § 196.372(3)(e)2.a.
3. Loans provided under SPU's program will not be forgiven by the water public utility or the municipality. Wis. Stat. § 196.372(3)(e)2.b.
4. The financial assistance SPU intends to provide under SPU's program will be the same for each owner in a class of customers. Wis. Stat. § 196.372(3)(e)3.
5. SPU shall record its program expenses and revenues in subaccounts created in the following manner:
 - a. Grant Program: Account 664 subaccount
 - b. Loan program: Account 124 subaccount
 - c. Administrative Costs: Account 664 subaccount.
6. SPU shall submit an application for a conventional water rate case no later than two years from the effective date of the Final Decision.
7. SPU shall file with the Commission, as part of its annual report to the Commission, a report of the number of service lines replaced, as well as program expenses and revenues in a manner that is consistent with the prescribed subaccounts described in the Final Decision.
8. SPU shall receive approval from the Commission prior to making any significant changes to its financial assistance program.
9. The tariff provisions authorized in this docket shall take effect no sooner than one day after the day SPU has: (a) filed these rates and tariff provisions with the Commission; and (b) made them available to the public at locations where customer payments are accepted, on SPU's website, or in a form and place that is otherwise readily accessible to the public, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.19 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 185.33(1) (f). If a copy of the new tariff provisions is not made available to the public when they are filed

with the Commission, the new tariff provisions shall take effect one day after the day they are made available to the public.

The Commission directed the Division of Water Utility Regulation and Analysis to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steffany Powell Coker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Steffany Powell Coker
Secretary to the Commission

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